

Remarks

Claims 1-13 and 15-41 are pending.

In response to paragraph 2 of the Official Action, Applicant has filed herewith an Information Disclosure Statement citing co-pending application nos. 09/981,666 and 09/981,301.

Also submitted herewith is a red-lined version of the formal drawing of Figure 5. The substitution of “Application Layer” for “IP Layer” on the drawing is necessary to conform the drawing to the informal version of Figure 5, which was filed with the original application, and which refers to the “Application Layer.”

All pending claims stand rejected as obvious over Campbell, Herrod, Flesher and Gutmann. It is respectfully submitted that these claims are not obvious over the cited references. Each of the pending independent claims, as amended, requires “UDP packets that include ... frame header information generated at the application layer [of the OSI model].” This aspect of the invention is described, for example, on Fig. 5 of the application as originally filed. None of the cited references teach “UDP packets that include ... frame header information generated at the application layer [of the OSI model]” as required by each of the pending independent claims.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims define over the cited references and are therefore allowable. A Notice of Allowance is therefore earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees due in connection with this filing, including any fees for extra claims, to Deposit Account 50-0310. A duplicate of this authorization is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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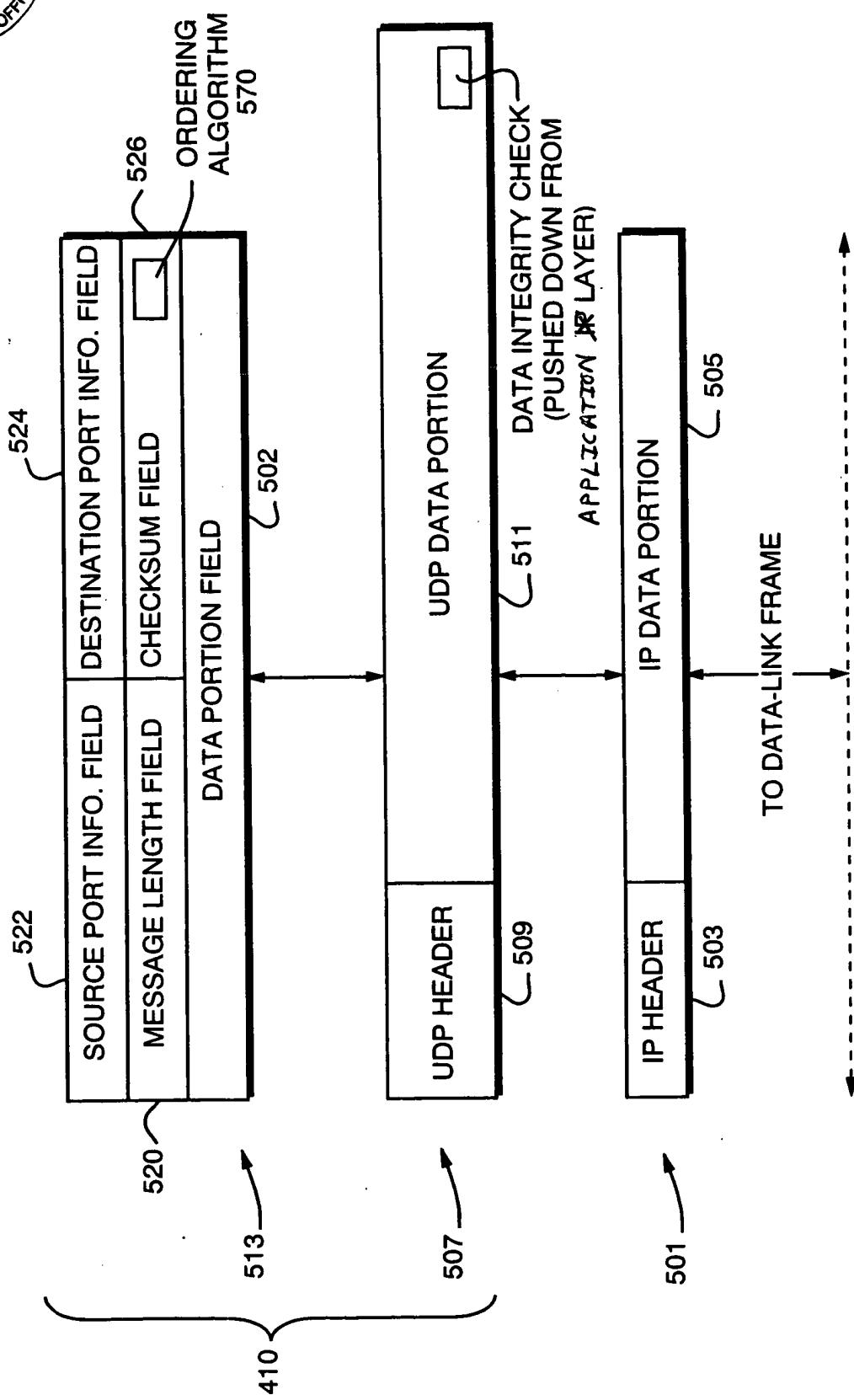


FIG. 5